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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$526.
 - \$126 for 7 total claims over 20.
 - \$400 for 5 independent claims over 3.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1366.

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Title: THERMAL PROCESSING OF METAL ALLOYS FOR AN IMPROVED CMP PROCESS IN

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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- \underline{X} A return postcard.
- \underline{X} A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the Missing Parts Fee.
- \underline{X} A check in the amount of \$1,286.00 to cover the Basic Filing Fee and Additional Claims Fee.
- X Communication Re: Missing Parts (1 pg.)
- X Notice to File Missing Parts (1pg.)

Other: ___.

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In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts" (see enclosed copy), we submit a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the large entity surcharge and a check in the amount of \$1,286.00 to cover the large entity basic filing fee.

Applicants assume the application is now in proper order and in condition for examination. Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned attorney at (612) 373-6913.

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